

# Forensic Anthropology Case Team

## Purpose

FACT serves the Ohio community by assisting government agencies search for, recover, and identify human remains. The team comprises faculty and graduate students possessing a high level of scientific competence and ethical standing while promoting the highest quality of professional and personal conduct. FACT facilitates training programs for medicolegal, law enforcement, and search and rescue professionals. The team engages in outreach to dispel myths about forensic science and mentors students interested in forensic science.

## Impact

FACT offers scientific expertise in archeological field methods and osteological laboratory methods to the community to help resolve medicolegal death investigations, at no charge.

Since 2010, FACT has been involved in over 25 prehistoric, historic, and modern investigations involving human and non-human remains.

FACT provides team members with opportunities for professional development, improving leadership and transdisciplinary team-based skills, and applying advanced training in anthropology, anatomy, and statistics received from OSU.

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### Upfront

#### 5K at the Relay correction

The Ohio Relay for the Deaf is a 5K run that is held annually in Delphos. The cost is \$25 the day of the race and no T-shirt is guaranteed. DAAG offers terrarium class

The Delphos Area Art Guild will present Garden Building from 5:45-7:30 p.m. July 11 in the Delphos Public Library's First Edition Building. Brenda Horstman will help participants develop their miniature green thumb. Learn tips for selecting potted plants, the types of plants that can be used in a terrarium, how to arrange for optimal aesthetic balance and how to place the terrarium inside.

#### Forensics team surveys fort, burial sites

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FORT JENNINGS — Last fall, the Ohio State University Forensic Anthropology Case Team (FACT) began a survey of the Old Fort site, which contains the gravesites of 12-14 soldiers who died in Fort Jennings during the War of 1812, the final phase of the Revolutionary War.

On Thursday, the team of archaeologists and anthropologists returned to complete the survey of the site by using geophysics, the study of the Earth using quantitative physical methods.

The team used ground-penetrating radar (GPR) to digitally map out the site and underground disturbances in 3-D. This technology may provide the analysis to outline the fort or the gravesites.

Former Fort Jennings resident Julie Smith Wiley, Esq., said the continued research is an outreach from last year's efforts to pinpoint the historical data prior to the Bicentennial celebration.

The original survey was hand-drawn in 1820 and depicted points and measurements, and showed the fort here," Wiley explained. "Aerial photographs and maps, along with the survey, serve as overlays which help determine the fort's positioning.

The topography in the Auglaize River area has seen a lot of change, both man-made and natural, over two centuries. The fort site has been built on many times over and during the construction of the new highway, feet of fill was added at the edge of the river and pushed up the banks. In addition, the river has eroded into the fort site, changing the topography of the land.

The OSU Forensic Anthropology Case Team (FACT) went out to survey the fort and burial locations in Ft. Jennings on Thursday afternoon. Students from left to right: Adam Kolasiewicz, Kimberly Brubaker and Logan Miller, set up the site and equipment to survey the historic grounds. (Delphos Herald/Steph Groves)

## Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved

Department of Anthropology  
Department of Public Safety  
Division of Anatomy

## Community Partners Involved

Academy of Pharmacy of Central Ohio  
Belmont County Sherriff's Office  
Clark County Coroner's Office  
Clark County Sherriff's Office  
Columbus Police Department  
Franklin County Coroner's Office  
K9 Response Search and Rescue  
Lima Police Department  
Mansfield Police Department  
Mount Tabor Cemetery Association  
Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation and Identification  
Ohio State Chapter of Sigma Xi  
Ohio Valley Archaeology, Inc.  
PAST Innovation Lab  
Perry County Sherriff's Office  
Powell Police Department  
Search and Rescue Ohio  
Six River Valley Chapter of the Archaeological Society of Ohio  
Upper Arlington Citizen Police Academy  
Village of Fort Jennings, OH  
Westerville Police Department



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